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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

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RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF SUSTAINABLE NAVAJO GOVERNANCE AS PROPOSED BY THE NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND COMMITTING THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH OBJECTIVE TARGETS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE-SUPPORTING ELEMENTS OF LAND, WATER, AIR AND FIRE REFLECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DINÉ BEEHAZ'ÁANII BITSÉ SILÉÍ

PURPOSE: Adopting the principles and practices of sustainability for Navajo governance as proposed by the Navajo Government Development Commission and committing to establishing objective targets for the protection of life-supporting elements of land, water, air and fire to be applied to all policies and actions of the Navajo Nation Government.

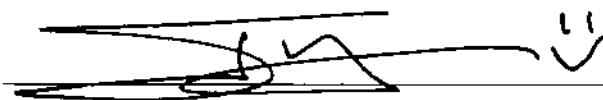
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14 THE NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND
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16 TARGETS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE-SUPPORTING ELEMENTS OF
17 LAND, WATER, AIR AND FIRE REFLECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DINÉ
18 BEEHAZ'ÁANHÍ BITSÉ SILÉÍ

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20 BE IT ENACTED:

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22 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

23 **A.** The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is a
24 standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council exercising oversight authority over
25 water, land, grazing and environment. 2 N.N.C. § 500 (C).

26 **B.** The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is a standing committee
27 of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700.

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29 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

30 **A.** The twelve domains of Sustainability adhere to the tenets of Navajo Fundamental law,

1 focusing on organizational and operational sustainability and sustainable stewardship to
2 secure the rights of future generations. The principles in the twelve domains of sustainability
3 align with the teachings of Fundamental Law expressed in 1 N.N.C § 201, “Nahasdzáán dóó
4 yádihíł nitsáhákees yil hadeidiilaa, Tó dóó dzit diyinii nahat’á yil hadeidiila, Nitch’I dóó
5 nanse’ altaas’ éi iiná yil hadediilaa, Kq’, adinídiín dóó ntl’iz náadahaniihj’ sihasin yil
6 hadediilaa. Díí ts’idá aláají nihi beehaz’áanii bitse siléi nihá’ ályaa.” The Fundamental
7 principles of thinking, planning, life, and wisdom are the same principles at the heart of
8 sustainability practices.

9 **B.** The Navajo Government Development Commission (Commission) adopted the
10 Navajo Nation sustainable governance principles and practices plan, to transition toward
11 a sustainability in governance processes and establish objective targets for the protection
12 of life-supporting elements of land, water, air and fire.

13 **C.** To that end, the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to be in
14 the best interest of the Navajo People to adopt the following twelve (12) domains of
15 sustainable practices and to commit to establishing objective targets and applying such
16 principles to all programs and policies of the Navajo Nation Government. The following
17 are the twelve domains of sustainable practices:

- 18 1. Awareness education and engagement;
- 19 2. Environmentally friendly buildings and facilities;
- 20 3. Transportation modes, infrastructures and operations;
- 21 4. Climate protection, adaption and mitigation;
- 22 5. Sustainable operations and management;
- 23 6. Waste reduction and recycling;
- 24 7. Environmentally preferable purchasing/procurement;
- 25 8. Sustainable food systems and production;
- 26 9. Sustainable energy transition;
- 27 10. Diné Language and Culture
- 28 11. Natural habitat and ecosystem; and
- 29 12. Social equity, wellness and justice.

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1 **SECTION THREE. RESOLVED**

2 **A.** The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, recognizing that the
3 principles in the twelve domains of sustainability align with the teachings of Fundamental
4 Law expressed in 1 N.N.C § 201, "Nahasdzáán dóó yádilhił nitsáhákees yił hadeidiilaa, Tó
5 dóó dził diyinii nahat'á yił hadeidiila, Nılch'I dóó nanse' altaas' éi iiná yił hadediilaa, Kq'.
6 adinídiín dóó ntl'iz náadahaniihj' sihasin yił hadediilaa. Díí ts'ídá aláají nihi beehaz'áanii
7 bitse siléi nihá' ályaa." and that the Fundamental principles of thinking, planning, life, and
8 wisdom are the same principles at the heart of sustainability practices hereby adopts the
9 following twelve (12) domains of sustainable practices and commits to establishing objective
10 targets and applying such principles to all programs and policies of the Navajo Nation
11 Government. The following are the twelve domains of sustainable practices:

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- 20 9. Sustainable energy transition;
- 21 10. Diné Language and Culture
- 22 11. Natural habitat and ecosystem; and
- 23 12. Social equity, wellness and justice.

24 **B.** The Office of Navajo Government Development, using the resources available to it,
25 shall develop and present to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
26 for its consideration and adoption, objective targets for the preservation of the life-
27 supporting elements of land, water, air and fire to be applied to the twelve domains of
28 sustainable practices and applying such principles to all programs and policies of the
29 Navajo Nation Government.

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